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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. W. H. SULLIVAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE,  
EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: FY 1973 Expenditures in Laos

During the hearings on March 28th, Senator Symington requested that we inform him, prior to return of the transcript, of the total estimated Federal expenditures in Laos during FY 1973. Assuming the provisions of Section 505 of PL 92-156 are extended to 30 June 1973, we estimate DoD expenditures at \$360 million.

Although I volunteered to provide this information to Senator Symington, I feel that in light of the President's letter concerning executive responsibility under Section 505, the reply should come from State rather than Defense.

In previous testimony before the Senate on March 7th, we stated that total FY 1973 program in Laos would approximate \$410 million -- \$360 million for DoD, and \$48-\$50 million for AID. In this regard, I have recently been advised informally by the CIA that they may have some expenditures in FY 1973 which would fall within the purview of the limitation, if it is extended as currently written. You might want to clarify this with them prior to responding to Senator Symington.

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